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International Volunteer Projects

UK PROGRAMME 2017

(Summer)

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Code	Project Name	Region	Dates	Type	Vols	Remarks	Extra Fee
CONCUKMTV01	NCS	SUSSEX	28.06.17 – 27.08.17	EDU/SPORT/ SOCIAL	6	App Form, CV, CGC, 2 References, Skype interview	30Euros
CONCUKMTV04	YMCA FAIRTHORNE MANOR	HAMPSHIRE	05.07.17 – 03.09.17	SPORTS/KIDS	2	CGC, ML, 2 References, Skype interview	30Euros
1 – CONCUK01	GREEN & AWAY SET UP	WORCESTERSHIRE	14.06.17 – 03.07.17	FESTIVAL/ ENVI	7 + 1 Coordinator	CGC, ML, Skype interview	30Euros
2 – CONCUK02	OAK GROVE COLLEGE 1	WEST SUSSEX	17.06.17 – 01.07.17	ENVI/KIDS	8 + 1/2 Co-ordinator	CGC	30Euros
3 – CONCUK03	MANJUSHRI 1	CUMBRIA	18.06.17 - 02.07.17	SOCIAL	8 + 1 Coordinator	CGC	30Euros
4 – CONCUK04	YMCA CARER'S FESTIVAL	HAMPSHIRE	26.06.17- 03.07.17	FESTIVAL	4 + 1 Coordinator	CGC, ML	30Euros
5 – CONCUK05	MOULSECOOMB PRIMARY SCHOOL	EAST SUSSEX	30.06.17- 15.07.17	ENVI/KIDS	8 + 1/2 Coordinator	CGC	30Euros
6 - CONCUK06	PATCHFEST	EAST SUSSEX	12.07.17- 18.07.17	FESTIVAL	7 + 1 Coordinator	CGC	30Euros
7 – CONCUK07	OXFORD MENCAP	OXFORDSHIRE	14.07.2017 -05.08.17	DISA/SOC/ KIDS	3	CGC, ML, Skype interview	30Euros
8 - CONCUK08	MABLETHORPE 1	LINCOLNSHIRE	15.07.17- 29.07.17	KIDS	3 Females	CGC	30Euros
9 – CONCUK09	TRYTHALL SCHOOL	CORNWALL	15.07.17- 29.07.17	ENVI/MAN/ KIDS	7/8 + 2 Coordinators	CGC	30Euros
10 – CONCUK10	MABLETHORPE 2	LINCOLNSHIRE	29.07.17- 14.08.17	KIDS	3 Males	CGC	30Euros
11 – CONCUK11	GREEN & AWAY TAKE DOWN	WORCESTERSHIRE	03.08.17 – 14.08.17	FESTIVAL/ ENVI	7 + 1 Coordinator	CGC, ML, Skype interview	30Euros
12 – CONCUK12	MANJUSHRI 2	CUMBRIA	13.08.17- 27.08.17	SOCIAL/ART	7/8 + 1 Coordinator	CGC	30Euros
13 – CONCUK13	MABLETHORPE 3	LINCOLNSHIRE	14.08.17- 28.08.17	KIDS	3 Females	CGC	30Euros
14 – CONCUK14	MADHURST	WEST SUSSEX	16.08.17- 30.08.17	FESTIVAL	4 + 1 Coordinator	CGC, ML	30Euros
15 – CONCUK15	MANJUSHRI 3	CUMBRIA	27.08.17- 10.09.17	SOCIAL	8 + 1 Coordinator	CGC	30Euros
16 – CONCUK16	OAK GROVE COLLEGE 2	WEST SUSSEX	09.09.17- 23.09.17	ENVI/KIDS	7 + 1 Coordinator	CGC	30Euros



Work:	Educational, Sports, Social
Dates:	28/06/2017 – 27/08/2017
Vols:	6
Age:	18+
Locations:	Brighton, West Sussex
Requirements:	App form, CV, CGC, 2 references, Skype interview
Extra Fee:	30 Euros

PROJECT: Concordia UK are delivering the National Citizen Service (NCS) Programme for our area in the UK. [National Citizen Service \(NCS\)](#) is a flagship government programme that gives 15 to 17 year olds in the UK the chance to learn new skills and get involved in their communities. We are looking for 6 international volunteers that have experience of working with young people and who want to help Concordia run an amazing programme of events to **develop young people's potential** and support local communities.

WORK: The programme includes outdoor activities to build confidence and teamwork, workshop sessions to learn and develop skills, interaction with charity groups to get to know what the local community needs and how volunteering can be an important way to connect with people and make a difference in the area where you live.

VOLUNTEER ROLE:

The MTV volunteers will:

- Work with a team of staff to support young people (15 -17 year olds) from various social and cultural backgrounds on the 2 Waves of the NCS programme running in the summer.
- Lead by example and get involved in outdoor and community volunteering activities while helping to keep the group motivated at all times.
- Support the Team Leader and Team Assistant to ensure programme content is delivered and understood by the group. The role includes building good relationships with your colleagues and participants while helping with any problems that may arise.
- Support personal development goals with the young people and help young people to understand the ethos of learning and involvement of the NCS programme.
- Provide short group activities using skills from leading workcamps or working/volunteering with young people in a variety of contexts.

ACCOMMODATION: From Monday to Friday in the first 2 weeks of each Wave volunteers will stay with the groups of young people; 1 week at an outdoor activity centre followed by 1 week at a University hall of residence. This is repeated twice. At the weekends and in the second 2 weeks of each Wave volunteers will stay together in a local hostel in Brighton. All accommodation will be provided and a group allowance for food will be provided when not on the residential parts of the programme.

LOCATION: Brighton and West Sussex

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TRAVEL: NEAREST AIRPORT: London Gatwick NEAREST TRAIN STATION: Brighton

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: - Experience of providing activities to young people (15-17 year olds). - A background of supporting and leading volunteers. – Have an understanding of Health and Safety and Safeguarding practices in the U.K. - Be organised and be able to speak English to an intermediate level. - Work in a team. - Have some relevant experience of working with young people on a residential programme.

- All applicants must send a completed VEF, CV, application form, certificate of good conduct /police check from your home country + two references
- For a NCS application form contact: incoming@concordiavolunteers.org.uk
- Skype Interviews: will be arranged individually

TRAINING: All MTV's will have access to E-Learning on the NCS Ethos and will attend an induction prior to starting the residential programme with the young people.

EXTRA FEE: 30 Euros

Closing date for applications: Friday 17th March 2017



Work: Kids/Sports
Vols: 2
Age: 18+
Location: Southampton, England
Requirements: Motivation letter,
CGC, 2 references



Project: The YMCA is offering the opportunity to 2 volunteers to join a 2 month project in summer 2017 that will provide experience and training, running activities with children.

YMCA Fairthorne Group is a fast growing charity. Their mission is to champion and add value to young lives by providing experiences that challenge, enable and develop the individual. Fairthorne Manor, part of the Fairthorne Group, delivers outdoor education and environmental programmes to over 20,000 children and young people each year on both a residential and day basis. The Outdoor programme consists of a wide range of activities, including canoeing, climbing, bushcraft, abseiling, archery and a range of team games and pastoral activities. During term time, they deliver a diverse outdoor education programme to school and community groups, whilst during the holidays, they run an enormously successful Daycamp programme for children aged 4 to 16 years, catering for up to 500 children per day. They **also run children's birthday parties and family open days and camping**, corporate team building days and community events such as youth band practice, church meetings and counselling groups. Fairthorne Manor delivers services and programmes 7 days of the week throughout most of the year.

Work: Based at Fairthorne Manor, you will be trained to lead a wide range of outdoor activities. These include traditional outdoor pursuits such as Kayaking, Climbing and Archery, Low Ropes, Land and water Ecology, Bush craft, Initiative tests, Aqua slide and many more. You will also act as the link between the groups and the organisation, hosting their visit, preparing their accommodation, eating meals with them and providing evening activities. You will be based within the Outdoor Learning Team and supported by the permanent team. Volunteers are provided with £70 per week pocket money.

Responsibilities:

As a Volunteer Activity Leader your main responsibilities are:

- To lead and take responsibility for activity sessions.
- To link with groups and host them during their stay.
- To ensure the correct and safe use of appropriate equipment.
- To give clear instructions to enable individuals to participate in the session.
- **To have an awareness of the customers' aims and objectives, and wherever possible meet all requirements.**

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- To be part of the duty system. Particular tasks associated with this include serving meals to the residential groups in the dining room and liaising with group leaders and responding to any issues.
- To make the appropriate Head of Department aware of any defective equipment.
- To take an active part in maintenance on a regular basis.
- To be aware of, and put into practise, all Health and Safety regulations.
- **To have a working knowledge of Fairthorne Manor's operational policies.**

Other Duties:

- To assist with the maintenance and cleaning of the estate.
- To assist with duties in the kitchen and dining room.
- **To assist with the delivery of 'off site' youth and children's work.**
- To assist with the delivery of the Family Park and Campsite
- To act in the interests of your own safety & the safety of others at all times
- Anything else reasonably requested by the management of the organisation
- **To follow YMCA Fairthorne Group's Safe Guarding, Child Protection and Safer Working practice policies at all times.** Taking any concerns regarding a health or/and wellbeing to your line manager or senior management.

Volunteer profile:

- An outgoing and friendly personality, able to communicate well and engage a wide range of people, including children, staff and group leaders.
- A genuine enthusiasm for working with children
- A genuine enthusiasm for the work of the organisation.
- An aptitude for and interest in a wide range of sports.
- Willingness to learn new skills and undergo training.
- As this post involves working with children and living on site, all applicants must be aged over 18 years old.

Experience

Some experience of working with groups of young people in educational, youth or sporting environment is desirable.

Training: The YMCA offer full and comprehensive training in all elements of running outdoor activities. Combined with work experience here at Fairthorne Manor, this should secure you some National Governing Body Qualifications, such as British Canoe Union level 1.

Accommodation: Volunteers will be allocated a basic room, which may be shared with up to 4 other volunteers/instructors. Three meals a day will be provided in the dining room and there are toilet and shower facilities and a washing machine.

Please note, do not expect a 5* hotel! Fairthorne is more like a youth hostel with dormitory-style accommodation and basic facilities.

Location: Fairthorne Manor is located in a village called Curdrige which is near the city of Southampton on the South Coast of England. It is **about 15 minutes' walk from Fairthorne Manor** into the village where there are shops and pubs. The nearest train station is Botley from where it is **about half an hour's journey into Southampton** city centre.

Travel: Nearest airport: London or Southampton Airports

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Nearest train station: Botley train station

Working Hours: You will normally volunteer five days per week, some weeks you may be required to volunteer around 60 hours (during May, June and July – as this is our peak season), but your average should be no more than 40 hours per week, including evenings and weekends.

Holiday: During your volunteering period you will receive two days off in 7 (sometimes non-consecutive) and in addition you will accrue 1.5 additional free days per month which can be scheduled with your line supervisor.

Special Requirements: Volunteers will need to provide a certificate of good conduct /police check from home country, motivational letter and provide two references, including one from their most recent school/college or employer.

Once applications have been shortlisted, a skype interview will usually be conducted before confirming a place.

CONCUK01	GREEN & AWAY SET UP	14.06.17 – 03.07.17
CONCUK11	GREEN & AWAY TAKE DOWN	03.08.17 – 14.08.17

Work: Festival/Environmental
Vols: 7 vols + 1 co-ordinator
Age: 18+
Location: Worcestershire, UK
Requirements: CGC, ML, good level of English (applicants will be Skyped to check language level)



PROJECT:

Green & Away are a registered educational charity, that organise, build and run Europe's only tented, sustainable conference centre - a temporary eco-village, situated on a farm in the west of England. Each summer they bring a community of around 100 volunteers from across the world together to create the site, facilitate events, and take down this beautiful and unique project.

WORK:

Group 1 will be an integral part of the team helping to build and set up the Green & Away site, before helping to run the first event of the summer. Group 2 volunteers will be part of the team helping to run some of the final events of the summer, before working on the take down of the Green & Away site. Work will include – erecting or taking down tents, marquees, yurts, domes and other structures; building or decommissioning compost toilets; building or packing up & maintaining site infrastructure e.g. plumbing & electricity - solar/wind energy; managing the transport & logistics of equipment; keeping our wood-powered showers hot; maintaining our organically grown kitchen garden; baking bread and cooking wholesome, vegetarian, organic, and locally sourced food in our kitchen; 'housekeeping' of the rental accommodation for our participants; art installations and practical workshops e.g. woodwork, leather work, pewter casting; foraging for plants and flowers; enjoying music and laughter in the Honking Goose, our fully licensed, volunteer-built bar. Volunteers work in teams within a group of approx 35-50 people. When we host an event, up to 200 people can be on site.

During the set-up and take down phases a working day usually begins at 9am with a short meeting to discuss the tasks for the day, and finish around 5-6pm, with lunch and regular tea and cake breaks. During conferences and events the tasks have very different working hours. For example some people will be up early every day to light fires for the showers, the kitchen has 2 different shift times - whereas the bar workers usually finish late at night, so will start much later in the day too!

LOCATION:

The site is based at New House Farm in the small village of Bransford. It is surrounded by stunning countryside, close to the Malvern Hills. Bransford is in the county of Worcestershire, in the west of England, approximately 35 miles/56 km from Birmingham.

ACCOMMODATION & FOOD:

Volunteers live in tents on site, and toilet and shower facilities are provided. IT RAINS IN ENGLAND IN THE SUMMER – Be prepared! Volunteers MUST bring: Waterproof coat and trousers, strong boots, warm clothing, sleeping bag, camping mattress. We also ask volunteers to bring their own tent if possible. Extra blankets are available. Three healthy meals a day will be provided which will be mostly organic, vegetarian, and made using locally sourced produce where possible. Special dietary requirements can be provided for.

TRAVEL:

Nearest airport: Birmingham International Airport Nearest train station: Worcester
There is a regular bus service from Worcester city centre to the village (4 miles/7 km).

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

Volunteers must enjoy being outside, be motivated to work hard to create a beautiful and functional site, have an interest in community life, and a desire to learn about living in an environmentally sustainable way. A certificate of good conduct and a motivation letter is required. Volunteers must also speak a good level of English, all applicants will receive a Skype call to check their English level is high enough; the hosts need to check that you can understand health and safety instructions etc.

ACCESSABILITY: Volunteers need to have a good level of physical fitness and be confident walking on uneven ground outside.

EXTRA FEE: 30 Euros - a small contribution to Concordia's **administration fees**.

CONCUK02	OAK GROVE COLLEGE 1	17.06.17 - 01.07.17
CONCUK16	OAK GROVE COLLEGE 2	09.09.17 - 23.09.17

Work: Environmental / Kids
Vols: 7/8 + 1 co-ordinator
Age: 18+
Location: West Sussex, England
Requirements: CGC



PROJECT: Oak Grove College is a special school for children aged 11 – 18 years

with a wide range of disabilities from learning difficulties and behavioural problems to physical disabilities. For over ten years international volunteers have been invited to help create a beautiful environment for the children and this year Oak Grove College would like to continue this work by hosting two groups of international volunteers in June and September.

WORK: Since the College opened in 2005, students have worked alongside staff and volunteers to landscape and plant the grounds themselves. International volunteers work alongside pupils with special needs on horticulture, hard landscaping and creative tasks. As a volunteer you will be working alongside children on a range of tasks including helping to develop the gardens in the grounds. The work may change depending on the weather and the children who are assisting each day; we ask that volunteers are FLEXIBLE and willing to help with any of the tasks. Volunteers will typically work between the hours of 8.30am – 3.30pm.

ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD: The accommodation is basic but adequate; volunteers will sleep on camp beds or mats in a room of a local church hall and will need to bring sleeping bags and rolls mats. Due to the additional use of this accommodation volunteers need to be aware of the other activities that may be happening around them. The host is always willing to arrange after work activities and is very active in taking volunteers on trips and outings. The accommodation provided is located within short walking distance of many urban amenities, including: banks, pharmacies, supermarkets, public swimming pool, cafes, shops, train station and the beach. Volunteers will cook breakfast and dinner in the kitchen of the accommodation and have a light lunch provided by the school. Volunteers use the local leisure centre over the road for showers.

Since it is always nice to try new and different dishes, volunteers are encouraged to bring along their favourite recipes from home!

LOCATION: Oak Grove College is located in Durrington-on-Sea near Worthing on the south coast. Durrington-on-Sea is approximately 1 ½ hours by train from London and 30 minutes from Brighton.

TRAVEL: NEAREST AIRPORT: Gatwick NEAREST TRAIN STATION: Durrington-on-Sea

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Volunteers must have a good level of English and an interest in working alongside children with special needs.
- A Certificate of Good Conduct must be sent to Concordia at least three weeks before the project takes place.
- At times this project can be physically demanding and the volunteers need to be prepared to work outside in all weathers.

ACCESSABILITY: Volunteers need to be able to sleep in basic accommodation on the floor, be physically active for the work and be able to walk at least 2km.

EXTRA FEE: 30 Euros - a small contribution to Concordia's **administration fees**.

CONCUK03	MANJUSHRI 1	18.06.17 – 02.07.17
CONCUK12	MANJUSHRI 2	13.08.17 – 27.08.17
CONCUK15	MANJUSHRI 3	27.08.17 – 10.09.17

Work:	Social / Art
Vols:	7/8 vols + 1 co-ordinator
Age:	18+
Location:	Cumbria, England
Requirements:	CGC

PROJECT: Manjushri KMC is an internationally renowned centre for meditation, where everyone is welcome to enjoy the peaceful environment or join in the many programmes offered throughout the year. These projects allow volunteers to gain an insight and experience of living and working in a modern day Buddhist community, helping to gain a calm and relaxed mind and meeting others with shared perspectives and ideas.

WORK: Manjushri welcomes volunteers throughout the year to help with the running of the centre. During the 1st and 3rd project dates volunteers will help with a wide range of tasks which may include helping in the kitchen, art studio, café, greenhouse, and publishing stock room, as well as gardening, cleaning the temple, painting/decorating, general cleaning, occasional maintenance, woodland clearing, general manual work and office tasks.

Please be prepared to be flexible and help wherever needed. At least some of the time, you are likely to end up working in pairs or small groups on a variety of tasks and will have the chance to meet and mix with other volunteers and residents at the centre. Although the work is not always strenuous you will need to be reasonably fit and active to join us.

During the 2nd project dates, volunteers will primarily focus on working in the art studio, helping to sand the Buddha statues when they come out of the molds.

Volunteers can also join daily guided meditation sessions if interested.

LOCATION: Manjushri KMC is based at Conishead Priory, a rambling Romantic Gothic mansion set in 70 acres of gardens and woodland that lead down to the shores of Morecambe Bay. The centre is located close to Ulverston which is a market town on the edge of the Lake District National Park in Cumbria, the most north-western county in England, bordering Scotland.

ACCOMMODATION & FOOD: Volunteers sleep in basic dormitory accommodation usually in the main Priory building, in separate male/female rooms. Shared bathroom facilities are available. Meals are provided by the centre. All meals are vegetarian and volunteers are requested not to bring meat onto the premises. Smoking and alcohol are not permitted within the centre grounds.

TERMINAL: Nearest airport: [Manchester](#) Nearest train station: [Ulverston](#)

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Volunteers attending this project need to be sympathetic to the Buddhist faith and realise the centre is used for meditation and reflection.
- Volunteers are asked to bring work clothes and practical boots for gardening/outside work.

ACCESSABILITY: Volunteers need to be able to manage stairs, and walk on uneven ground in the outside areas.

EXTRA FEE: 30 Euros - a small contribution to Concordia's **administration fees**.



Work:	Festival
Vols:	4 + 1 co-ordinator
Age:	18+
Location:	Southampton, England
Requirements:	CGC, Motivational Letter

PROJECT: YMCA Fairthorne Group is a fast growing charity. Their mission is to champion and add value to young lives by providing experiences that challenge, enable and develop the individual. Fairthorne Manor, part of the Fairthorne Group, delivers outdoor education and environmental programmes to over 20,000 children and young people each year on both a residential and day basis.

The Young Carers Festival (YCF) is an exclusive event for young people who have a caring responsibility at home. Run in partnership with **The Children's Society**, YCF was created in 2000 to give young carers the chance to have fun away from their caring role, raise awareness of this often hidden group of young people and allow young carers to share experiences with others in a similar situation. 2016 was the 17th annual festival with over 1,600 young people from across the UK attending.

WORK: The work involves helping with the preparation of the festival, including changing an area of the grounds into a huge campsite with accommodation for the young people in around 600 tents (many are pop-up tents). **You'll also be** organising workshop areas, marking out activity areas, preparing the grounds (cutting back trees, litter picking etc.), as well as helping the organisers with paperwork, i.e. stapling the information packs and putting all paperwork in and labelling bags. There may be some lifting and carrying as the food for the weekend will arrive and need to be stored. Volunteers will also be involved in some food preparation to make sure that young people have packed lunches.

Then during the festival weekend itself, you will be needed to help keep the dining room flowing and **clean, assist with children's' harnesses** and helmets on activities, take drinks and food round to the staff, as well as directing car parking and general marshalling of the event.

The YMCA hold a fireworks display, have a disco, fairground rides as well as our own activities, and the young people get a chance to just be themselves, without having to explain what they do, they can just be children again for the weekend.

ACCOMODATION & FOOD: Volunteers will be camping in yurts and sleeping on camp beds. There is some bedding provided but please bring a sleeping bag for extra warmth. Three

meals a day will be provided in the canteen and there are toilet and shower facilities and a washing machine.

LOCATION: Fairthorne Manor is located in a village called Curdrige which is near the city of Southampton on the South Coast of England. It is about 15 minutes' walk from Fairthorne Manor into the village where there are shops and pubs. The nearest train station is Botley which is about half an hour's journey into Southampton.

TERMINAL: NEAREST AIRPORT: London or Southampton Airports. **NEAREST TRAIN STATION:** Botley train station for arrivals and departures.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Volunteers will need to provide a certificate of good conduct /police check from their home country and a motivational letter.

ACCESSABILITY: Volunteers need to be able to be physically active, and able to walk on uneven ground.

EXTRA FEE: 30 Euros - a small contribution to the project and the work of Concordia Volunteers.



CONCUK05

MOULSECOOMB SCHOOL

30.06.17 – 15.07.17

Work: Kids / Environmental
Vols: 8 + 1/2 co-ordinator(s)
Age: 18+
Location: Brighton, England
Requirements: CGC

PROJECT: Moulsecoomb Primary School teaches around 400 3-11 year olds and has a strong ethos of working in partnership with the local and wider community. The school believes that one of the best ways for children to learn is through practical activities and the school grounds are full of artefacts such as a totem pole, Mesolithic hut and an iron age round house.

The school works closely with The Moulsecoomb Forest Garden and Wildlife Project, which has a collection of allotments which have been converted into an environmental project for the benefit of the local community. The Forest Garden and Wildlife Project began in 1994 and is now a magical place hidden away behind the railway station.

WORK: International volunteers will be joining the family of the school and need to be flexible to the daily tasks. **Three days a week you're likely to be helping out with the children in the classrooms in the mornings, then in the afternoons be out in the school grounds working on tasks like painting, gardening and maintenance.** Two days a week volunteers will visit the outdoor education gardens at Moulsecoomb Forest Garden Project and help with watering, planting, digging and learning about their work with the local community.

ACCOMMODATION & FOOD: The accommodation is basic but adequate; volunteers will sleep on the floor in the community room at the school. There are showers and cooking facilities at the school. Please bring a sleeping bag and roll mat. The community room is used at 8am for breakfast club so volunteers must be prepared to tidy their things away in the morning and have breakfast with the children. It is really important that volunteers respect that they are in a school and act as role models for the children. Since it is always nice to try new and different dishes, volunteers are encouraged to bring along their favourite recipes from home!

LOCATION: Moulsecoomb is situated to the north of Brighton, a vibrant seaside town famous for its open mindedness and relaxed attitude. It is only 1 hour by train from London.

TERMINAL: NEAREST AIRPORT: Gatwick Airport **NEAREST TRAIN STATION:** Brighton

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

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- Volunteers to have an interest in working alongside children.
- A Certificate of Good Conduct must be sent to Concordia at least three weeks before the project takes place.
- At times this project can be physically demanding and the volunteers need to be prepared to work outside in all weathers.

ACCESSABILITY: Volunteers need to be able to sleep on the floor, walk up to 4km and participate in gardening work often at a low level.

EXTRA FEE: 30 Euros - a small contribution to the project and the work of Concordia Volunteers.



CONCUK06

PATCHFEST

12.07.17 – 18.07.17

Work: Festival
Vols: 7 + 1 co-ordinator
Age: 18+
Location: Brighton, England
Requirements: CGC



PROJECT: The Friends of William Clarke Park is a not-for-profit community organisation with a mission to improve a small green space (also known as 'The Patch') situated in the east of Brighton. They are dedicated to making the space a cleaner and safer environment for all local people to enjoy and to create events to bring the community together. Every year the Friends of William Clarke Park put on a summer community festival and need teams of volunteers to help!

WORK: Volunteers are involved in helping to set up the festival site; this will include constructing marquees, staging, site decoration and signage. The community festival will be taking place on Saturday 15th July and volunteers are needed to help and supervise various activities eg. tea tent, stewarding the bouncy castle, youth music stage etc. as well as providing support and assisting whenever needed. Volunteers will also need to help with the clearing up and taking down of the site at the end of the festival.

ACCOMMODATION & FOOD: The accommodation is basic, and volunteers will be sleeping on site in small tents. You may need to share a tent with another volunteer. There will be basic cooking facilities, a fridge, electricity, water, etc for preparing meals. There will be toilets on site, but showers will be taken every couple of days at local families, so **please be prepared to 'rough it' a bit! If you want 5* facilities this project isn't for you!**

LOCATION: Brighton is a vibrant seaside town, famous for its open mindedness and relaxed attitude. It is only 1 hour from London.

TERMINAL: NEAREST AIRPORT: London Gatwick **NEAREST TRAIN STATION:** Brighton

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

Volunteers need to enjoy being outside (in all weathers, it can rain in July!), and be motivated to work as part of a team to create a beautiful and functional community event. Volunteers need to be prepared for basic facilities and some prior experience of camping is ideal.

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ACCESSABILITY: Volunteers need to be able to sleep on the floor on roll mats in tents, and be able to walk on uneven ground. You also need to be able to get involved in physical work like helping to put up marquees.

EXTRA FEE: 30 Euros - a small contribution to Concordia's **administration fees**.



Work:	Social/Disabilities/Kids
Vols:	3 vols
Age:	20+
Location:	Oxfordshire, England
Requirements:	CGC, Motivation letter, Skype call to check English level

PROJECT: Oxford Mencap's Hill End summer holidays rely on a wonderful team of volunteers. They organise holidays for adults, young people and teenagers with learning disabilities. Around 14–20 campers attend each week with a similar number of volunteers. The majority of the guests on these holidays are reasonably independent and they are all great fun to be around.

WORK International volunteers work alongside UK staff and volunteers supporting those on the holidays. Each volunteer will be paired with one camper for the week, and will be responsible for:

- Accompanying the campers on regular outings to theme parks, swimming, special events, pub trips or the cinema.
- Joining in with activities on camp such as playing football, going swimming or just relaxing with some colouring books and a jigsaw.
- Helping your camper with meals, bedtimes and personal care as needed.
- Enjoying a chat around the campfire in the evenings.

Volunteers also help run other aspects of camp such as cooking and cleaning, as many of the guests attending will not need full time support. Every evening there is an opportunity to talk about experiences in the day and prepare for the next day. Many of the guests at this project have been enjoying these holidays for several years and are likely to show the volunteers what to do!

The first week is older adult week, which is quite a relaxed week. Many of the campers have been coming to adult week for years and are happy to show their volunteers how things work. This week is all about having a fun and interesting holiday.

During the second and third weeks you'll be helping with young adult week for people aged 18 – 25, then teen week for those aged 13 – 18. The camp and activities are similar to the first week, but you'll need a bit more energy! The weeks are about the campers becoming

more independent. They appreciate spending time with friends their own age, going on trips, playing sports, having a go at new activities and getting ready for that all-important disco.

ACCOMMODATION & FOOD: Volunteers will live at the project site in dormitory rooms. Volunteers and disabled campers will all sleep in the same room. Volunteers will need to bring sleeping bags. Food will be provided and you will eat all together with the other volunteers and campers.

LOCATION: This project is based in the glorious Oxfordshire countryside

TRAVEL: Nearest airport: London Airports

Nearest train station: Oxford

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

- This project is ideal for someone who is interested in working with people with learning disabilities and who has a genuine interest in helping someone to get the most out of a holiday. It can involve long hours and a great deal of energy - and sometimes a lot of patience.
- There is a huge emphasis on teamwork as everyone must share in creating a memorable holiday for the guests. Previous experience is not necessary but a willingness to learn is.
- A letter of motivation and a certificate of good conduct are required. The minimum age for volunteers on this project is 20 years old.
- Volunteers must have a good level of English and an interest in working alongside people with special needs. A skype or phone interview will be conducted to check language level before you are accepted on the project.

ACCESSABILITY: This project is available to able bodied and very capable volunteers due to the supportive role volunteers take on with vulnerable adults.

EXTRA FEE: 30 Euros - a small contribution to the project and the work of Concordia.



CONCUK08	MABLETHORPE 1	15.07.17 – 29.07.17	3 FEMALE Vols
CONCUK10	MABLETHORPE 2	29.07.17 – 14.08.17	3 MALE Vols
CONCUK13	MABLETHORPE 3	14.08.17 – 28.08.17	3 FEMALE Vols

Work: Kids
Vols: 3 volunteers
Age: 18+
Location: Lincolnshire, England
Requirements: CGC



PROJECT: This project offers volunteers the opportunity to join the longstanding success of the **Leicester Children’s Holiday Centre schemes for underprivileged children**. Every summer the centre enables up to 500 children (aged 6-10 years from inner city areas) to enjoy an activity filled summer holiday by the sea.

WORK: The set-up of this project is different to most of our volunteer projects/work camps. It is more like a short-term immersion project. The international volunteers support the work of the paid staff at the centre. This includes supervising a set programme of indoor and outdoor activities such as sports, games and crafts and generally helping the children enjoy their summer holiday. Volunteers must be prepared to join in the activities that the children enjoy - and do not get the opportunity to do at home - such as shopping, beach games and team building activities. This project involves long hours and hard work but it is very rewarding.

ACCOMMODATION & FOOD: Volunteers will sleep in bed in shared rooms. All bed linen is provided and up to 3 volunteers will share a room. There are shared showers and toilets. Meals are taken with the staff and other volunteers, and are provided by catering staff. Alcohol and smoking are strictly forbidden on the premises, although an outside area is provided for smoking.

LOCATION: The centre is situated in the sand hills of Mablethorpe, a small typical north eastern seaside town on the Lincolnshire coast complete with fun fairs, souvenir shops and amusement arcades. Mablethorpe is quite isolated with limited transport and no rail connection; so volunteers must enjoy seaside life.

TERMINAL: NEAREST AIRPORT: East Midlands, Manchester or London airports. **NEAREST TRAIN STATION:** Lincoln or Skegness

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Volunteers must speak excellent English and be very motivated to work with children.
- Volunteers should also be physically fit and able to swim.
- A Certificate of Good Conduct must be sent to Concordia at least 3 weeks before the project takes place.

ACCESSABILITY: Volunteers need to be able to work with vulnerable children and be active and engaging. The accommodation is good but volunteers need to be able to manage stairs.

Work:	Environmental/Manual/ Kids
Vols:	7/8 + 2 co-ordinators
Age:	21+
Location:	Cornwall, England
Requirements:	CGC

PROJECT: Trythall Primary School is a community based school serving children from a rural area aged 4 – 11. The school is well known for its outstanding use of the outdoors in their education and have a garden area with a pond, animals to look after and huge polytunnel. The children are actively encouraged to learn about the natural world with visits to the beach, interaction with local community projects and days out to the woods for storytelling and outdoor activities.

Concordia are excited to be continuing our work in this unique area of the UK, working alongside the school providing international volunteers to help create a beautiful environment for the children.

WORK: Trythall School are continuing to develop their outdoor space for the children and in the last few years the group of international volunteers have helped to create an outside maze, growing areas and theatre area. The volunteers will work on gardening, horticulture, hard landscaping, and creative tasks. The work may change depending on the weather and the children who are assisting each day; we ask that volunteers are ready to work hard, be flexible and willing to help with any of the tasks which are practical in nature. In week 1 the children will spend some time working with the volunteers and then in the second week the school will be closed and only accessible to the volunteers who will continue work in the garden areas.

ACCOMMODATION & FOOD: The accommodation is basic but adequate; volunteers will sleep on the floor in the community room at the school. There are toilets and cooking facilities at the school. There is no shower at the school so volunteers will be using showers with host families and will be able to access them every 2 – 3 days. Please bring a sleeping bag and roll mat. The community room is used at 9am for the school so volunteers must be prepared to tidy their things away in the morning. However in the second week the volunteers will be able to access the appropriate rooms they need due to the school being closed.

LOCATION: Trythall School, Newmill lies in the centre of Penwith where a land of rocks and moorland stretches itself out into a blue-green sea. **Near Land's End, the Western tip of**

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England, this is the most remote and beautiful part of an area of outstanding natural beauty. Penwith contains a great concentration of Neolithic, Bronze Age, Iron Age and Romano-British archaeological remains. This is a remote rural location, with no-wifi signal.

Activities: Previous groups have enjoyed trips to: sandy beaches, deserted coves, quiet farms **stunning moorland walks, historical sites, surfing sessions, St Michael's Mount, beach barbecues**, and visits to nearby towns (Penzance and St Ives).

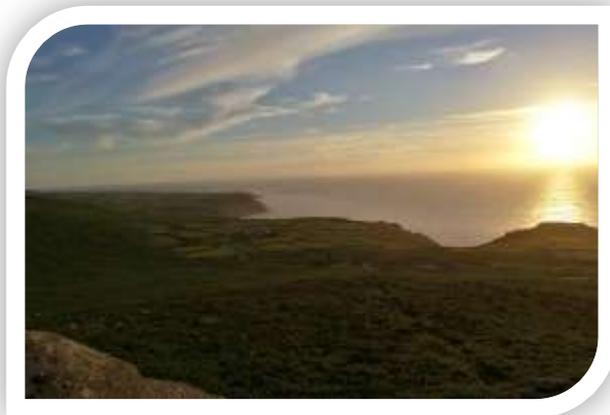
TERMINAL: NEAREST AIRPORT: Bristol or London Airports NEAREST TRAIN STATION: Penzance

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Volunteers must be aged 21 or over, have a good level of English and be very motivated to get involved.
- A certificate of good conduct/police check is required.

ACCESSABILITY: Volunteers need to be able to sleep on the floor, walk up to 6km and participate in gardening work often working at a low level.

Essential Equipment: Sleeping Bags, water-proof coats and stout footwear in addition to what is normally required for a 2 week stay.



CONCUK14

MADHURST

16.08.17 – 30.08.17

Work: Festival
Vols: 4 + 1 co-ordinator
Age: 18+
Location: Midhurst, England
Requirements: CGC, Motivation letter



PROJECT: Concordia is happy to be working again with the community of Midhurst. The festival brings together creative, artistic & musical talent in the small town of Midhurst in the heart of the South Downs National Park. The festival is 10 days of events, from all genres of the arts involving community groups, charities, societies, individuals, businesses & venues celebrating & developing all that is great in the community, culminating in a carnival procession & musical theatre spectacular.

WORK: The volunteers will be involved in doing art and design projects for the main carnival parade and main events – the theme this year is Circus. So the parade is sure to be colourful and lively! Volunteers will work on some large pieces for the parade and smaller hand held items too. Volunteers will also be involved in ticket collecting and marshalling the events as well as providing support and assisting whenever needed. Volunteers will need to help with the set up and clear up of the various venues throughout the main festival week. The first couple of days on the project are likely to include some time working in the South Downs National Park, for example clearing vegetation and invasive species.

ACCOMMODATION & FOOD: Volunteers will be sleeping in a community hall very near to the work site. Volunteers will cook together in their own kitchen. Wireless internet access is available from the café below the accommodation. The accommodation is located in the centre of Midhurst and is within short walking distance of banks, pharmacies, supermarkets, restaurants, cafes, libraries and shops. Volunteers will have access to a local leisure centre where they will be able to shower. Please note you will be outside for a lot of the time so bring clothes that will be suitable for wet weather as well as dry. **IT RAINS IN ENGLAND IN THE SUMMER – Be prepared!**

Since it is always nice to try new and different dishes, volunteers are encouraged to bring along their favourite recipes from home!

LOCATION: Midhurst is a typical little English town within the South Downs National Park in the county of West Sussex. It has some interesting independent shops and pubs and you're very close to the countryside.

TERMINAL: Nearest airport: London Gatwick Nearest train station: Haslemere

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Volunteers need to have a keen interest in community events and English culture as well as a good level of spoken English and good people skills.
- Any volunteers with artistic and creative skills will be well suited to this project, as there will be plenty of work painting and making the parade items.
- A Certificate of Good Conduct must be sent to Concordia at least three weeks before the project takes place and volunteers are also asked to provide a motivation letter when they apply.

ACCESSABILITY: Volunteers need to be able to manage stairs as the accommodation is upstairs as well as able to sleep on camp beds and walk up to 5km.

EXTRA FEE: 30 Euros - a small contribution to the project and the work of Concordia Volunteers.



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